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At Haytor, The Peak, on October 2nd, 1909, the
wife of N. J. STABE, of a daughter. [1270]
On September 27th, at Shanghai, the wife of
E. O. CHAMINE, of a daughter.HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VŒUX ROAD C
LONDON OFFICES: 151, FLEET-STREET, ECThe Daily Press.
HONGKONG, OCTOBER 4TH 1909.Some sixty years ago it was claimed for the
great naturalist CUVIER that if he were
given a bone from some unknown animal, he
would be able from it alone to reconstruct
the entire animal as it lived. That given an
important bone of some fossil or other
unknown animal, the skilled naturalist
would be able to trace out its general
characteristics, and place it in its natural
kingdom and order had been known
for fully a century, and it does not seem
that CUVIER ever claimed more. CUVIER's
researches into the fossil mammalia and
reptiles, comparatively few up to his
time having been discovered, had had the
effect of showing how intimately associated
was the life of long past geological time
with that of the present, and so confirmed
the slow-growing conviction amongst men
of science that creation was not a sudden
leap, but proceeded by slow and definite
increments. During his lifetime he may be
said to have established on firm foundations
the science of Comparative Anatomy, which
was a necessary prelude to DARWIN's great
generalisation of the doctrine of descent
with modification, which, in turn, has com-pletely transformed the ways of thought of
the world. Though an indefatigable worker,
and the founder of the modern school of
classification, CUVIER was little of a theorist,
and did not care to come before the public like
LAMARCK as the originator of any general
philosophic scheme of evolution. More than
the moderns, he was a believer in the pos-
sibility of reconstructing by "correlation of
growth" the lost parts of animals hitherto
unknown, be they fossil or recent, so that
though his general conclusions were wonder-
fully accurate, his details were often sadly
at fault when put to the test of more modern
discoveries. None the less, the theory was
fruitful in preparing men's minds for the
reception of the fuller light thrown on the
processes of evolution by the discoveries of
DARWIN. If, as the teachers of the day
were justified in attributing to CUVIER, his
belief in the doctrine of reconstruction of an
entire missing skeleton from a few frag-
ments preserved were a possibility, it
logically should be possible to a thorough
comparative anatomist, given some conceiv-
able change of some important part of an
actual skeleton—say, one or more of the
cervical vertebrae—to design a "practicable"
species to correspond. Doubtless the prob-
lem betimes presented itself to CUVIER,
but, being continuously employed on
what to one of his temperament seemed
more immediately practical work was dis-
missed immediately. Of course, an even
small change in the cervical vertebrae would
indicate that the presumed animal must have
a different method of seizing his food, and
this would imply that the food itself was in
some respects different; for instance, in a
herbivore the new animal might be adapted
to browsing off trees rather than cropping
grass, and this would require his being
placed in a different habitat. This fact
again would needs modify the form and the
proportions of the limbs to make them
suitable for their changed life. Again, by a
curious process of correlation never yet
explained, and accepted by DARWIN as a
natural law, experience teaches us that in-
tentional modification of one limb or organ
is always accompanied by some undesigned
alteration of the rest of the skeleton; and
all these, and their various consequential
modifications to suit the changed habitat,
would have to be worked out in detail by the
suppositious species-maker to make of his
designed animal a success, capable of
standing the wear and tear of actual
existence amidst the strife and competition
of his surroundings, often directly hostile,
and always closely pressing on the means of
subsistence.Such had been amongst the problems that
presented themselves, at least to a few en-
quirers, when fifty years ago DARWIN's new
theory of Natural Selection came upon them
as a revelation. As the old Greek philoso-
pher, by noting the overflow from his
bath, was led into a train of thought which
finally resulted in his discovery of the
principle of Specific Gravity; and thereby
solving the problem of the purity or the
contrary of the King's crown, so the enquirer
as to the possibility of designing the practi-
cal animal was able on receiving DARWIN's
explanation to cry with the philosopher
Eurisko! What was beyond the power
of the most inventive of men to satisfactorily
accomplish had, he now learned, been
nearly worked out by nature during the ages.
The process was one of continuous exper-
iment, as the rude "dandy" of the Regency,
consisting as it did of nothing more than a
pair of wheels in line with a saddle fixed
between, and propelled by the toes of the
rider just reaching the ground, after many
trials and almost as many failures, by
degrees changed into that scientific toy—the
bicycle, where the feet no longer touch
the ground, and advantage is taken of the
principle of another still more scientific toy,
the Gyroscope, to produce a perfect balance.
And as the making of the bicycle led to such
improvements in the art of construction, by
reducing weights to a minimum, the motor
car in turn became practicable; and finally
improvements in the motor engine rendered
a flying machine conceivable, and men began
to experiment on taking possession of the
air. The first indeed to actually fly before
the motor engine was capable of coming to
his aid—poor LILIENTHAL—perished miser-
ably just as he seemed to have achieved his
triumph; but his failure so far from checking
experiment, by showing what was necessary
to avoid, actually promoted progress. Suc-
cessors like FARMAN and LATHAM by the aid
of lighter and more powerful motors found
themselves able to accomplish what LILIENTHAL
perished in attempting, and so the
process of experiment and failure has gone
on till LATHAM having nearly accomplished
his daring flight across the English Channel,
within a couple of miles of the English
coast, fell with his aeroplane. He was not,
however, like LILIENTHAL, killed, but, warnedby previous disastrous accidents, was able to
float in his machine till help opportunely
arrived.Now all this bears a remarkable resemblance
to the methods of Nature. Nature has,
however, one enormous advantage over man
in her experiments; her time is unlimited,
and besides she carries out all her
experiments *a l'outrance*. A good example
of her methods of working is afforded in
the case of the horse, whose history we can
now almost read in detail from the very
commencement of the Tertiaries. The
first we learn of the family is the
appearance of a small three-toed
ungulate, scarcely larger than a diminutive
chevrotain. He evidently answered
the purpose for which he was intended,
because his remains are proportionately
numerous. But climate and soil changed,
and our proto-horse had to become
modified to suit. Doubtless many of the
alterations and additions which from time
to time were introduced were unsuitable,
and as in the case of LILIENTHAL's
flying machine, the individual perished
miserably; others, as BIRKET, proved
successful, and the individual for some
time was at the head of his race till super-
seded by one better mounted. We need not
here recapitulate the various stages of
progress; like BIRKET in his rivalry with
LATHAM, the one who possessed the soundest
and most enduring organs in the end sur-
vived. As BIRKET succeeded in crossing
the Channel where LATHAM fell into the
water, our next better fitted horse succeeded
in establishing himself in better and richer
pastures than his predecessor, and so the
race went on improving in strength of
adaptability, till at last the race has cul-
minated in a Gladiator or a Blink Bonny,
who for the moment holds the champion-
ship.It was thoughts like these, which had the
individual had the knowledge or the perse-
verance to have pursued them to the logical
end, would have enabled him to have
foretold DARWIN, that the latter owed
the almost unanimous approval with which on
their first promulgation his new and daring
view was accepted by the more advanced
scientists. Here was no mystery, but the
application to a particular case of a principle
which of necessity must dominate all creation.
"Wherid I come from," the writer remem-
bers to have asked his nurse in a moment
of infantile curiosity. "You were found,"
was the response, "in the Cabbage Garden."
With many of the wisest of the day, the
answer to the simple question, "Whence
came humanity?" was practically identical.
They were created. Of course, in one sense all
men, as the Catechism informs us, were made;
but no one consciously holds that he was
born in what is usually termed natural
succession from his elders of a previous
generation. In this sense DARWIN, as it
has come to be called, is quite consistent
with the theory of evolution under natural
conditions of experiment. Some of us turn
out indeed failures, while to others is granted
the privilege of enlightening succeeding
generations. We know not all the reasons
for the difference, but we can all understand
that it does not require much interference
with our ordinary processes of reasoning to
reconcile our Catechismal teachings of
special creation with the very evident fact
that each of us has in reality come into the
world by the perfectly natural process of
being born. The cabbage garden view is,
in the face of facts as we know them, quite
reconcileable with the more advanced view
of the ordinary processes of inheritance.The British destroyer *Fame*, *Hart*, *Otter*,
Virago, and *Whiting* left Nagasaki a week ago
for Weihaiwei.We learn that Mr. Butler Wright is still
detained in custody at the Victoria Hotel,
Shameen, Canton.Mr. Michael Hughes, formerly in the Consular
service in China, has been admitted to practice
in H. M.'s Supreme Court for China and Korea
as a barrister-at-law.The total output of the Chinese Engineering
and Mining Company's three mines for the
year ending 18th September amounted to
26,870.32 tons and the sales during the period
to 27,834.40 tons.It is announced that a marriage arranged
between Dr. J. H. Sanders, J.P., medical super-
intendent of the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong,
eldest son of James Sanders, Esq., J.P., of South
Merton, Devonshire, and Mary Beatrice, fourth
daughter of W. H. Allen, Esq., of Bromham
House, Bedfordshire, and Dean's-yard, West-
minster Abbey, will take place at St. Owen's
Church, Bromham, Bedfordshire, on Oct. 6.A Chinese report says that the Ministry of
Justice has presented a memorial to the Throne,
which points out that prisons in foreign
countries aim at correction of evils by encour-
aging the reformation of the prisoners, while in
China prisons are primarily intended for
punishment of crimes; and the former produces
the more beneficial results. The Ministry
suggests, therefore, that the Chinese prison
system should be improved and brought more
into line with foreign systems by introducing
industry and work among the prisoners.Mr. Funatsu, Japanese Consul in Hongkong,
is in receipt of a telegram from the Foreign
Office, Tokyo, stating that the Hongkong
Consulate has been raised to the dignity of
a Consulate-General from October 1.The Semi-Centennial of the planting of
Protestant Christianity in Japan is to be cele-
brated in Tokyo from October 5th to the 10th
by a national congress of Christian workers. Al-
though the first missionaries came just fifty
years ago, the Japanese church itself is barely
37 years old.His Majesty the King has not been advised
to exercise his power of disallowance with respect
to Ordinance No. 5 of 1909, entitled "An
Ordinance to demonetise Postage Stamps
bearing the Head of Her late Majesty Queen
Victoria; and to Ordinance No. 18 of 1909,
entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Inter-
pretation Amendment Ordinance, 1908."It is notified in the *Gazette* that an examina-
tion open to all qualified natural-born British
subjects, for appointment in the Civil Service
of India or for Eastern cadetships in the Colonial
Service, or for clerkships in the Home Civil
Service, will take place in London in the month
of August, 1910; and that copies of the regula-
tions, etc., may be obtained at the Colonial
Secretary's Office.His Honour the Chief Justice has, by com-
mission signed by him, appointed Mr. C. A. D.
Melbourne, Deputy-Registrar and Appraiser
of the Supreme Court, to be a commissioner to
administer oaths and take declarations, affir-
mations and attestations of honour in the
Court, and also to be a commissioner for taking
the acknowledgments by married women of the
deeds to be executed by them, so long as he
shall hold his said office. He has also appointed
Mr. G. A. Woodcock, Magistrate's clerk, to be
a commissioner to administer oaths and take
declarations and attestations of honour in the
Supreme Court.WEDDING AT ST. JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL

BLANCHFLOWER—COLLINS.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St.
John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon in the
presence of a large congregation, the contracting
parties being Mr. Edward C. Blanchflower,
R.N., secretary to Commodore Lyon, and Miss
Philippa Constance Collins, of Melbourne,
Australia. The bride was given away by Commodore
Lyon, A.D.C. She was attended by Miss Edith
Haines, also of Melbourne, Australia, while the
bridegroom was attended by Lieut. John P.
Lander, R.N., H.M.S. *Kent*, as "best man." The
bride wore a soft cream satin robe with
pearl embroidery panel down the front, and a
Court train trimmed with chiffon and orange
blossoms. She wore a veil over her face and carried a bouquet of white
flowers. The bridesmaid wore a frock of
pink soft satin with pearl trimmings, yoke
and undersleeves of cream chiffon, and a black
hat trimmed with pink ribbon velvet and violets.
She carried a bouquet of pink and white with
pink streamers.The Rev. O. N. Hughes, Naval Chaplain,
officiated, assisted by the Rev. F. T. Johnson
Chaplain of the Cathedral. As the bridal party
left the Church the naval officers present
formed with their swords an arch of steel,
under which the happy pair passed down the
aisle. Amongst those present were His Excellency
Sir Frederick Lugard, with Captain P. M.
Taylor, A.D.C., and Captain Simon, Private
Secretary, also Bishop Lander, and a large
number of naval and military officers and
well-known civilian residents.A reception was afterwards held on board
H.M.S. *Tamar*, and the happy couple
subsequently left for Macao on H.M.S. *Janus*.The bride's travelling dress was of white
muslin trimmed with insertion, and her hat
was trimmed with pale blue and pink.

SHANGHAI DIVIDENDS.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of
the North China Insurance Co., Ltd., held on
Tuesday, the 27th ult., a final dividend for the
year 1908 of 7½ per cent. on the paid-up capital,
at exchange 2s. 3½d., and a bonus of 15 per cent.
to contributors, was recommended.At a meeting of the Directors of the Kalung-
ping Rubber Co., Ltd., held last week, it was
decided to recommend the payment of a dividend,
subject to the audit of the accounts, of Tls. 8
per share (16 per cent.) for the year ending
August 31, 1908.SHANGHAI AUTUMN RACE
MEETING.Although training has been in progress
throughout the month of September, and several
ponies are well forward in condition, there has been,
up to the present an unusual
lack of interest "at the rails," remarks the
N.C. *Daily News*. The gatherings at the
Grand Stand in the early mornings have been
as large as usual, but owners generally have
been more interested in the performances of
their own ponies to pay much attention to
the work of other animals. The entries closed at
4 p.m. on Saturday. There are several good
griffins, and many of the old ponies which were
prominent at the Spring Meeting are in
excellent trim. Gemini and China, which had
such a strenuous battle in the Spring Cham-
pions, seem to be again at the top of the form,
and are already making excellent times from
the quarter-mile post to the judge's box.
Morial, Wye, Spring Rose, Pegase and Brook-
ton have all gone well, and Bucophant seems
to have taken a new lease of life. Sokol seems
as unreliable as ever and will not run straight.

TELEGRAMS.

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LORD KITCHENER AT
SHANGHAI.SHANGHAI, October 3rd.
Lord Kitchener arrived here this
morning, coming from the P. & O.
s. "Himalaya" up the river in a
special launch.There was no official reception, but
a large crowd, including Sir Pelham
Warren, H.M.'s Consul-General, and
the acting Japanese Consul-General,
the Captain of H.M.S. "Astrea," and
many of the leading residents.Lord Kitchener landed.
His Lordship stays with Colonel
Bruce (Superintendent of the Municipal
Police) until Wednesday, when
he goes by special train to Nanking.[SHUTTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS"]

A SPANISH REVERSE.

LONDON, October 2nd.
The Spaniards in a reconnaissance
from Zeluan met with a severe
reverse.General Vicario, two captains, two
lieutenants and fourteen men were
killed and 180 wounded.LONDON, October 2nd.
The Spanish losses on Thursday
amounted to 41 killed and 280
wounded.The Spaniards re-advanced from
Zeluan yesterday morning, and 5,000
Moors attacked their front. Fierce
fighting is proceeding.AMERICAN-JAPANESE NAVAL
AMENITIES.LONDON, October 2nd.
The New York "Times" says the
American sailors of the battleship
fleet which went on a round-the-world
cruise have subscribed for a levying
cup to be presented to the Japanese
Navy in appreciation of the courtesies
received by the Fleet while staying in
Japanese waters.

A ROYAL BIRTH IN GERMANY.

LONDON, October 2nd.
The Crown Princess of Germany
has been delivered of a son.INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT
AT HARBIN.LONDON, October 2nd.
The Russian newspaper "Novoye
Vremya" and "Russ" publish in-
dignant comments on a Russo-German
incident at Harbin. The German
Consul, Herr von Muller, is stated to
have refused to recognise Russian au-
thority within the Russian Settlement.PROPOSED AMERICAN CUP
RACE.LONDON, October 2nd.
Sir Thomas Lipton sails for New
York on the 9th inst. to endeavour to
arrange a race for the America Cup.

TSARITSA'S FEARS.

LONDON, October 2nd.
The Berlin "Tageblatt" states that
a mental specialist has been sum-
moned to Livonia owing to the Tsarit-
sa's melancholia. She is haunted by
the fear that the Tsaritza will be the
victim of terrorists.

TYphoon WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received at
the American Consulate-General, Hongkong, from
the Manila Observatory at 11 a.m. on Saturday,
October 2nd, 1909, at 8:45 a.m.—
Cyclone or typhoon E. of Northern Luzon less
than 300 miles distant moving W. N. W.
Yesterday the following telegram was re-
ceived by Mr. Fuller: "Manila Observatory,
12 o'clock received American Consulate
General 145:57 a.m. Cyclone or typhoon west
of the Bashi Channel moving W. N. W."
Yesterday the black cloud was

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

"The moon hath raised her lamp on high." Consequently after-dinner picnics have been the order of the evening during the past week.

The event of the week was, of course, the arrival of Lord Kitchener, who seemed to have a pretty good time. Nobody would have thought that the gallant Field Marshal possessed a hobby outside of his military duties, but Hongkong has discovered that he is a collector of Chinese porcelain and a connoisseur to boot, as his experiences in the curio shops proved. It is difficult to imagine the hero of Omdurman in such a rôle.

Lord Kitchener, when he paid his surprise visit to the Rajput's quarters, commented on the uniform whiteness of the bedsheets possessed by the soldiers. Isn't white bedsheet something of a luxury? I doubt if the Tommies on the Hongkong side are provided with white bedsheets.

There are many uses for the "boy," but a new one is suggested on a notice in the Hongkong Cricket Club. Therein members are requested to initial the book with the boy. Wouldn't a pen or a pencil suit the purpose better? If the boy is to be used in that manner must he be sharp?

"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" is a Biblical query which has oft been quoted, and considerable importance attached to it, as it is one of the reported utterances of the Founder of Christianity. Apparently the Japanese are not greatly impressed by it, as they are, if newspaper accounts be true, taking thought to add to their stature. Those who can afford it have enlarged their scale of diet to include meat, and it is hoped that this dietary will improve the physique of the people, the relative smallness of the Japanese being ascribed to the fact that they are essentially a rice and fish eating race. The subject is attracting some attention at home just now owing to the visit of some Japanese who are buying cattle to be imported into Japan in order to improve the breeds there and in anticipation of the greater demand for beef. The vegetarians in Britain are disgusted that the Japanese should depart from their almost vegetarian dietary, but we who know the man in the Land of the Rising Sun are aware of the fact that they realize, as much as anybody else, that is good for them and what isn't.

Various explanations have been offered for the unexpectedly high tenders for the Opium Farm, but it seems to me the reason is not far to seek. Trade in the Colony is improving. In practically every department the upward tendency is experienced, and it is not unnatural to suppose that those who have contracted the opium habit will have more money to spend than they have had during the last year or two.

Some inquisitive folks want to know—now that the loss on opium is not so great as was expected—if the liquor duties will be decreased? "I have my doubts."

I am not the only one who has marvelled at the farce of employing Indian watchmen to sleep on premises. The business men of this Colony surely don't engage thoseurious sons of Ind from philanthropic motives or because they believe that they are useful. Some of them, I admit might have been ornamental at one time when their turbans were clean, but most of them have got beyond that stage. It may be that our *tai-pans* are so conservative that they cannot break away from "old custom," but whatever the explanation, there seems little reason for perpetuating the farce as we know it.

Only the other day two Indian watchmen were fined by the Magistrate for having been found asleep at their posts. The offence, I suppose, was in being found asleep. They have probably slumbered nightly for quite a long time, a most of them do but somebody official was inconsiderate enough to come along before, they wakened. If watchmen are to be retained, why shouldn't they do as before? In former years they had to beat a gong every hour to indicate the time and incidentally to keep themselves awake. We can recall how watchmen at Home used to call out the hour and the state of the weather. It gave a feeling of confidence to the community to know that their guardians were doing their duty, and though I have no wish to add to the street noises, I think some plan might be devised for making watchmen of some use.

Apologies of the foregoing, I note that a contributor to the *Foochow Echo* is compiling a Dictionary of Names in Common Use in China. This is the first instalment:—

"Boy." The senior male domestic, or butler in the family, generally elderly and toothless! Never works and is most hospitable and entertaining during master's absence. His great affection for his employer makes him an unhappy man should he be deprived of a daily squeeze.

Learn Boy. The smart domestic and "willing horse," usually of more use and reliability than any other servant.

House-coote. The oil drinker and bottle-eater. A man paid to sweep dust under the sofas and cupboards, and breed spiders.

Cook. The head ornament of the kitchen, only wakes when provisions arrive, from which he takes several pieces as samples.

Cook No. II. The dirty apprentice who does the cooking.

Gardener. Another kitchen ornament rarely seen out of door.

Waiter. A n. employed from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. to sleep in the kitchen.

Washerman. The domestic employed to do other people's washing.

Chair-coote. An animal fond of chow, smoking and cards. Of little use, and has a cordial dislike for work.

Anah. Flightly if young, and the discord of the domestic quarters if elderly.

Policeman. A servant of the general community paid to salute gentlemen, give kits, and present petitions, on every responsible and unreasonable opportunity.

RODERICK RANDOM.

LOCAL SPORT.

SWIMMING.

V.R.C. HUNDRED YARDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

The hundred yards championship race, open to members of the Victoria Recreation Club, took place at the Club's enclosure on Saturday afternoon. The competition was for a cup presented by the Shanghai import swimmers, and also for the Dorabjee Cup, which has to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of any competitor. Owing to the event being insufficiently advertised there was a very poor attendance, and many of those who knew that the competition was taking place that day were unaware of the starting hour, and were very much disappointed to find that on their arrival the race had ended.

The five competitors who faced the starter were Cecil Humphreys, P. M. Remedios, C. J. Cooke, A. A. Claxton and H. C. Sayer. The men got an excellent start, and Humphreys immediately took a prominent position, being closely followed by the other four. On the first turn Humphreys had a lead of about three yards, Claxton, Remedios and Cooke swimming almost level in the second length, while Sayer was slightly in their rear. In the third and last length, Humphreys maintained his advantage, and ended an easy winner. A good struggle was then witnessed between Claxton, Remedios and Cooke for second place. When half of the final length had been covered they were swimming neck and neck, with Cooke well up in third position. In the final effort Claxton succeeded in drawing ahead of Cooke, and forestalled him for the honour of second position by a touch, while there was little to spare between Cooke and Remedios for third place. Sayer was hopelessly left in the final length. The result was:—

C. Humphreys, 68.45 seconds. 1

A. A. Claxton, 72.45. 2

P. M. Remedios. 3

Saturday's race was the second for the Dorabjee Cup, and Humphreys has been the winner of the event for which this trophy was presented on both occasions. A third win, of which this fast short-distance swimmer has every prospect, and the prize passes to him.

POLICE RECREATION CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Police Recreation Club was held at the Club, matched, Happy Valley, on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. J. W. Hanson presided over a large attendance of members.

The SECRETARY read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAISEMAN stated that as they were on the threshold of a new year they had to render an account of the Club's doings, and show how it stood. They could congratulate themselves on the Colony's immunity from typhoons this year, as in a previous year when a typhoon swept Hongkong it raged the Club matched to the ground. They had had a successful year in games of all kinds, and the speakers took the opportunity of thanking Mr. King for the bats he had presented for last year's batting, and which were won by Lance Sergeant Edwards. (Applause). The Club were now in the fortunate position of having prizes offered by Mr. Wedderburn for cricket, tennis and bowls. (Applause). Financially the Club had had a very good year, and in the balance sheet had no doubt been digested by all members. He did not think it necessary to refer to it, but would move the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: President, Captain F. J. Badsey; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. P. P. J. Wedderburn and T. H. King; Chairman, Inspector J. W. Hanson; Secretary, Inspector A. Langley; Treasurer, Sergeant Lee; Committee, Inspectors Hanson, Baker, Robertson and Gourlay, Sergeants Watt and Grant, and Constables Ogg, Bell and Glendinning. Captain of the Club, Mr. P. P. J. Wedderburn; Captain of the First XI, Inspector A. Langley; Captain of the Second XI, Sergeant Cooper.

The report showed that the club premises and gear appertaining to sport were in a good serviceable condition, were the cricket, tennis and bowling greens. In the league competition the club stood eighth in the list, having lost ten matches and won two. Mr. Edwards headed the batting average with 45.75, while Mr. Kerr heads the bowling average with 14.13. Two bats presented by Mr. King, were won by Mr. Edwards for excellent batting. Lawn bowls had been played with great keenness throughout the year. The club played friendly matches with Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Civil Service Club, C. Y. Club, Tai Koo Club and the Cosmopolitan Club. Of the eleven matches played the Police won six and lost five. The following competitions have been held:—

Mixed competition won by Mrs. Kent and Mr. Sadler, the runners up being Mrs. Cannon and Mr. Ogg. Shield competition won by Messrs. Baker, Sim, Wilson and Cameron. Married & Single, sponsored by Mrs. Badsey. The single men won. The Lyon's Cup was won by Mr. Stuart, the runner up being Mr. Pitt. The Ritchie Cup was won by Mr. Pitt, the runner up being Mr. Robertson. High Jack Competition, cup presented by Mrs. Hill, won by Mr. Pitt, the runner up being Mr. Gourlay. Also several very interesting spoon competitions for spoons presented by members were played. Great interest has been taken in tennis throughout the year. The competition under the American system was won by Mr. Ogg, the runner up being Mr. Glendinning. In the shooting competition the club cup was won by Mr. Pitt, the runner up being Mr. Robertson. The membership now stands at ninety-one. The hon. treasurer left the Colony in February and the hon. secretary in May, when Messrs. Lee and Gourlay were elected to the positions during their absence.

RODERICK RANDOM.

The accounts show a balance in the bank of \$351.29 and in hand \$59.44, as against a credit balance of \$1 last year.

CRICKET.

CRAIGENGOWER V. C. V. WATSON'S C.C.

In this match played at the Craigengower's ground on Saturday, Watson's showed a decided improvement on their last year's form, for fairly good cricket they managed to knock up 102 against the bowling of Ross (4 for 17), Lammet (2 for 21), R. Craigengower (2 for 21) and Donaldson (1 for 12). Craigengower replied with 122, thus winning by 20 runs. R. A. Carvalho, who shaped exceedingly well, had 43 runs to his credit when he was well stumped by Robins. For Watson's Taylor took four wickets for 38, Spurge two for 46, Dowsick one for 20, and E. Miller one for 12.

WATSON'S C.C.

H. Taylor, b. Pesteji. 10

H. S. S. Spurge, b. Pesteji. 20

H. Dowsick, run out. 20

F. T. Robins, b. F. Lammet. 3

R. Phillips, b. W. Donaldson. 8

J. D. Noris, b. Noris. 8

J. Spurge, b. Pesteji, b. F. Lammet. 7

E. James, b. Ross. 6

G. Harper, b. Ross. 6

J. Fraser, not out. 1

Extras. 102

CRAIGENGOWER C. C.

W. H. Wastell, run out. 12

A. A. Carvalho, b. Robins. 43

R. F. Lammet, b. Phillips, b. Taylor. 6

H. W. Peteren, b. Taylor. 7

R. A. Carvalho, b. Robins, b. Dowsick. 5

J. D. Noris, b. James, b. Spurge. 22

R. F. Pesteji, b. Dowsick, b. Taylor. 25

L. E. Lammet, run out. 11

L. E. Lammet, b. Phillips, b. Taylor. 16

R. Phillips, b. Spurge. 9

R. Ross, not out. 6

Extras. 4

NAVAL YARD V. H.M.S. "CADMUS."

Naval Yard Cricket Club played H.M.S. Cadmus on Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. Scores:—

NAVAL YARD.

Bacon, b. Williams. 8

Brook, b. Russell, b. Jenner. 2

Carver, b. Russell, b. Williams. 2

Field, b. Jenner. 8

Cutter, b. Jenner. 5

Pilo, b. Thomas, b. Jenner. 5

Coombs, b. Jenner. 5

Lethbridge, not out. 5

Lee, b. Phillips, b. Jenner. 0

Ellis, b. Russell, b. Jenner. 0

Collins, b. Jenner. 2

Extras. 38

H.M.S. "CADMUS."

Brown, b. Bacon, b. Phillips. 3

Hawkins, rm out. 0

Lancaster, Field. 4

Jenner, b. Phillips. 12

Guthrie, b. Phillips. 12

Williams, a. Field, b. Brook. 12

Brook, b. Bacon, b. Phillips. 12

Walker, b. Lethbridge, b. Brook. 4

Vernon, not out. 5

Ensell, b. Field, b. Phillips. 9

Extras. 76

FOOTBALL.

NAVAL YARD V. F. C. V. R. E. F. C.

This the opening match of the season for these teams, and it might be said of football locally, took place on the Naval Ground at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. The teams were:—

Naval Yard—Lewis; J. C. Joughlin and Macay; Adams, Pascoe and Worewell; Bishop (Y.M.C.A.); and Meares; Morris, Paul and Wilcox.

The Sappers won the toss and elected to defend the city end with their backs to the sun. The Sappers from the commencement had the game in hand, and Morris and McCrory each scoring a goal, half-time was called with R. E.

2, N. Y. 0.

A notable feature of the second half was the splendid defence of Joughlin for the Yards. Time after time he upset the attempts of the forwards to combine, and when thewhistle sounded for time the Sappers had failed to further add to their total. R. E., 2; N. Y., 0.

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NOTICE.

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S. J. DAVID & CO.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1909. [1271]

HONGKONG GUN CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the CLUB HOUSE on SATURDAY, the 9th October, 1909.

G. C. MOXON.

Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 4th October, 1909. [1272]

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER COOPS.

A GRAND OPEN AIR CONCERT will be held on VOLUNTEER PARADE GROUND, On SATURDAY, October 23rd, at 9.15 P.M. In aid of the funds of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

ADMISSION.

Tickets to be obtained at Volunteer Head Quarters and from Members of the Committee of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Hongkong, 5th October, 1909. [1273]

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Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Hongkong by the R.M.S. "MANTUA" due in London on the 19th November, 1909.

Proceeds will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 4th October, 1909. [1275]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VINE BRANCH".

SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE, N.S.W.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents. Hongkong, 10th October, 1909. [1259]

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Hongkong, 4th October, 1909. [1276]

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THE HONGKONG AND MANILA YUEN SHENG EXCHANGE AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG AND MANILA YUEN SHENG EXCHANGE AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 66, Nathan Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 15th day of October, 1909, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the abjoined resolution will be proposed.

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTIONS.—That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:

(a) In Article 65 the word "Five" shall be substituted for the word "Twenty".

(b) In Article 66 the word "Three" shall be substituted for the word "Ten".

NG LI HING, General Manager.

Dated the 14th day of September, 1909. [1205]

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 19th October, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 19th October, both days inclusive.

By Order,

M. MANUK, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1909. [1262]

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THE POLAR WAR

THE PEARY-COOK CONTROVERSY.

The following despatch from Commander Peary has been issued in the United States and is now copyrighted by the New York Times Company before its publication in any form in the United States or in Europe is forbidden:

"Battle Harbour, Labrador, via Wireless,
Cape Ray (N.F.), Sept. 3.

"As it may be impossible to get my full story through in time for to-morrow's Times, partly as a prelude which may stimulate interest, and partly to forestall possible leaks, I am sending you a brief summary of my voyage, which is to be printed exactly as written.

"A Summary of the North Polar Expedition of the Peary Arctic Club."

"The *Roosevelt* left New York on July 6, 1908. She left Sydney on July 17, arrived at Cape York, Greenland, on August 1, left Elsah, Greenland, on August 8, arrived at Cape Sheridan, Grant Land, on September 1, and wintered at Cape Sheridan.

"The sledging expedition left the *Roosevelt* on February 15, 1909, started north of Cape Columbia on March 1, passed the British record on March 2, was delayed by open water on March 2 and 3, was held up by open water from March 4 to 11, crossed the 84th parallel on March 11, encountered an open lead on March 15, crossed the 85th parallel on March 18, crossed the 86th parallel on March 22, encountered an open lead on March 23, passed the Norwegian record on March 23, passed the Italian record on March 24, encountered an open lead on March 25, crossed the 87th parallel on March 27, passed the American record on March 28, encountered an open lead on March 29, crossed the 88th parallel on April 2, crossed the 89th parallel on April 4, and reached the North Pole on April 6.

THE RETURN.

"All returning. We left the North Pole on April 7, reached Cape Columbia April 8, arriving on board the *Roosevelt* on April 27. The *Roosevelt* left Cape Sheridan on July 18, passed Cape Sabine on August 8, left Cape York on August 25, and arrived at Indian Harbour.

PROFESSOR MARVIN DROWNED.

"All the members of the expedition are returning in good health, except Professor Ross G. Marvin, who was unfortunately drowned on April 11, 45 miles north of Cape Columbia, while returning from Sleds, north latitude in command of a supporting party."

Professor Ross G. Marvin, who lost his life on the expedition, was a graduate of Cornell, which sent him to join the Peary Arctic voyage four years ago, when the explorer asked the University to supply a man to collect scientific data. He became a close friend of Commander Peary and acted as his first assistant on the expedition which has just come to so successful an end. He was less than 30 years of age and was born at Elmira, New York.

THE NORTH POLE "OFFERED" TO
PRESIDENT TAFT.

Beverly, Sept. 8.
Commander Peary has telegraphed as follows to President Taft:

"I have the honour to place the North Pole at your disposal."

Mr. Taft has replied:

"Thanks for your interesting and generous offer. I do not know exactly what I could do with it. I congratulate you sincerely on having achieved, after the greatest effort, the object of your trip. I sincerely hope that your observations will contribute substantially to scientific knowledge. You have added lustre to the name of American."

—Rector.

New York Sept. 9.

Two startling messages from Commander Peary discrediting Dr. Cook's claims to be the discoverer of the North Pole are received here to-day. The first message is dated from Indian Harbour, Labrador, and reads as follows:

Melville E. Stone, Associated Press, New York.

I have sailed Stars and Stripes to North Pole. This is authoritative and correct.

Cook's story should not be taken too seriously. The two Eskimos who accompanied him say he went no distance north and not out of sight of land. Other members of tribe corroborate their story.

The second message is addressed to Mrs. Peary, who leaves Portland, Maine, to-morrow for Sydney. It says:

Delayed by gale. Don't worry about Cook. I have him nailed. Meet me Sydney.

—Rector.

In a third message to Mr. Bridgeman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, Commander Peary told of meeting Mr. Harry Whitney, who, according to Dr. Cook, is in possession of his (Cook's) records.

—PROUD OF PEARY.

According to the New York Herald, Dr. Cook has sent the following message to President Taft:

"Proud of Peary.—Cook."

He also sent the following message:

Kindly convey to Commander Peary my hearty congratulations upon his success. Victory is now surely all American. Glad he has won, as two records are better than one.

His work over a new route has added unknown space and add an epoch-making contribution to the annals of Polar exploration.—Cook.

In a further message to the Herald Dr. Cook says:

"I have promised to submit my facts, figures, and instruments to the Royal Museum and the Faculty of the University of Denmark, as a body of scientists thoroughly familiar with Polar exploration. I know I am right, and am confident their verdict will sustain the accuracy of my observations.

"I decline to be held responsible for the varying stories of my interviews with correspondents at Copenhagen.

"While retaining the highest respect for correspondents who are unconvinced, I decline to engage in a controversy with them, their friends, or members of their families."

CASE AGAINST DR. COOK.

What is Dr. Cook? Is he, as a London paper, the greatest traveller the world has ever known? or is he the boldest imposter who ever sought to hoax the civilised world? Those who believe that the latter is the correct description outline the case—for the prosecution as follows:

He brought no records, or observations back with him to Copenhagen, or, if he did not once produced them.

He stated "part of his records" were left with Mr. Harry Whitney at Elsah, Greenland, to be taken thence to America. Mr. Whitney travelled back part of the way to Labrador with the Peary expedition, but no mention was apparently made of the records he was alleged to Dr. Cook to possess.

Commander Peary gave Dr. Cook the lie direct.

Dr. Cook states that his two Eskimos knew their position throughout the journey and performed a "dance of savagery on reaching the 'Big Nail' (the Pole). Commander Peary says that the two Eskimos have informed him that they went no distance north. Other men of their tribe corroborate them.

Dr. Cook's alleged rate of travel over the Polar ice—fifteen miles a day—is declared to be all but impossible by the majority of Arctic explorers.

Dr. Cook's chief previous feat, the ascent of Mount McKinley, the highest peak in North America, is declared by American newspapers to have been achieved—if it ever was achieved—alone and without witnesses. It is not officially acknowledged by the United States Survey.

Dr. Cook says that his Polar expedition was the result of a sudden inspiration.

Dr. Cook has admitted that he "had a suspicion" that Peary might have reached the Pole, and "I was more eager to reach civilisation in order to publish my results."

Dr. Cook's methods of "taking observations at the Pole" is declared to be valueless by Mr. Bernacchi, the physicist of the Discovery Antarctic expedition.

According to Dr. Cook's account of the provisions consumed on the last dash, their total weight must have been far greater than three men and twenty-six dogs could pull.

Dr. Cook has not reported a single new fact or observation as the result of having reached the Pole.

Those who urge the case for the defence base their arguments on the unhesitating acceptance of Dr. Cook's story by the Danish Court and public, and by some Danish scientists; on the statement that Dr. Cook has a good record; on the manner in which he withheld cross-examination in Copenhagen; and on the belief that his promised book will clear up every uncertainty.

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	On demand.....	745	
	On HAIPHONG:	On demand.....	83 1/2
	On SAIGON:	On demand.....	83 1/2
	On BANGKOK:	On demand.....	83
	Governing Bank's Buying Rate.....	\$1.40	
	GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael.....	\$59.80	
	BAR SILVER, per oz.....	233	
SUBSIDARY COINS.		per cent.	
Chinese	20 cents pieces.....	\$6.13 discount.	
Chinese	10	\$6.50	
Hongkong	20	\$5.70	
Hongkong	10	\$5.40	
OPium.			
	September 29th.		
	ARRIVED.		
Malwa New	\$1.150/1.180 per picoul.		
Malwa Old	\$1.190/1.200		
Malwa V. Old	\$1.230/1.260		
Malwa V. Old	\$1.270/1.300		
Persian fine quality	\$1.100/1.140		
Persian extra fine	\$1.000/1.050		
Patna New	\$1.145 per cent.		
Patna Old	\$1.120		
Bonares New	\$1.100		
Bonares Old	\$1.100		

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From October 4th to 10th, 1909.

HIGH WATER.

LOW WATER.

Day of Month	Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Hongkong Mean Time	Height
Mon. 4	1.45 a.	in. 4	1.45 a.	in. 0
Tues. 5	1.19 a.	7 8	1.19 a.	4 1
Wed. 6	1.19 a.	6 0	1.22 a.	2 4
Thurs. 7	1.19 a.	7 1	1.14 a.	2 4
Fri. 8	1.19 a.	6 0	1.20 a.	2 4
Sat. 9	1.19 a.	6 0	1.20 a.	2 4
Sun. 10	1.19 a.	6 2	1.20 a.	2 4

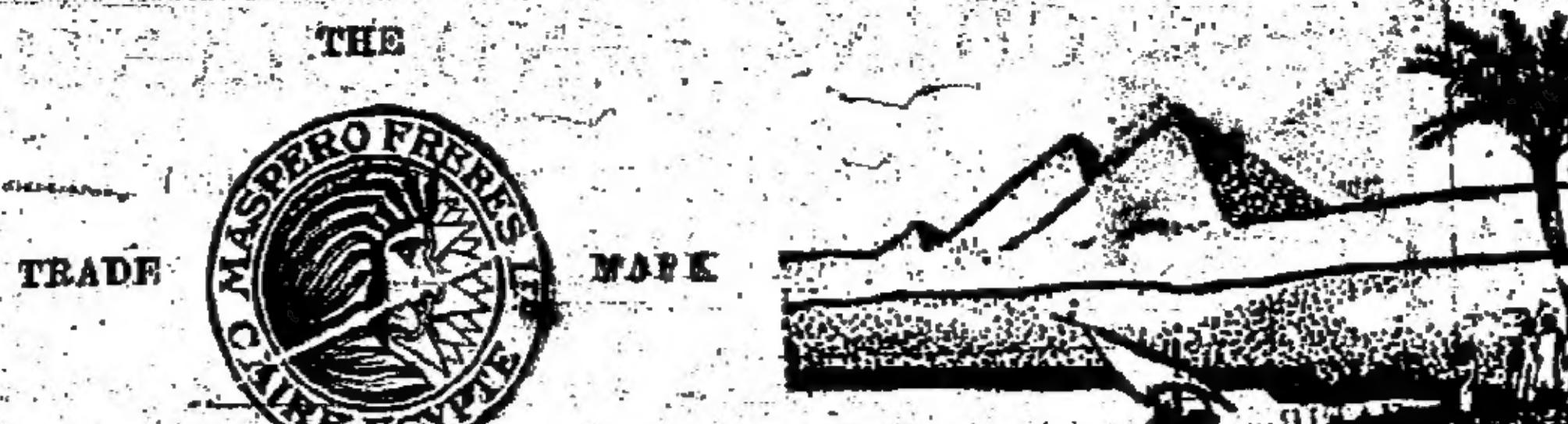
HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, October 3rd.

	Previous Day at 4 a.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.62	29.70	29.68
Temperature	68	64	64
Humidity	63	65	65
Wind Direction	N.W.	N	N
Force	1	3	4
Weather	c	04	04
Rain			

Highest open air Temperature on 2nd, ... 88

Lowest open air Temperature on 2nd, ... 79



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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 2ND, 1909.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$990, sal. & b.
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$55, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$15, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$16.10, sellers
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.60, sellers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewe Cotton Spg. & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 137.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	\$62.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 92.
Laon-Kung Mew C. Spg. & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 115.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 470.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$72	\$6	\$18, sales
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$50, buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$50, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$62	12/3	\$5, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 77.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 140.
Fenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$11, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$82, sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$20	all	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$220, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$43.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$188, sellers
Hongkong Ropeway Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$183, sellers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$250	\$160.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$100	\$100	\$114, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$250	\$92, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$125	\$125	\$115, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$250	\$84.25, sal. & b.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$100	\$220.4.
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$104.
Humphreys'				